



Two Networks Selected for Healthier Washington Accountable Care Program (Model 3)

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The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) today announced two Accountable Care Programs (ACPs) will be offered as new high-quality health plan options for those enrolled in the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) program, starting in 2016.

The ACPs for 2016 include:

- University of Washington Accountable Care Network
- Puget Sound High Value Network LLC

Also known as Healthier Washington Model 3, the ACPs are formal networks of providers and health systems that:

- Provide ‘best in class’ patient service and experience – access to high-quality and timely service at lower costs to enrolled PEBB members.
- Deliver integrated physical, mental health and substance abuse services.
- Assume financial and clinical accountability for a defined population of PEBB members.

ACPs will be reimbursed based on their ability to deliver quality care and keep PEBB members healthy, not on whether they performed a specific test or service.

In 2016 ACPs will be offered in five counties in the Puget Sound area (Snohomish, King, Kitsap, Pierce and Thurston). Starting in 2017, HCA will work with other private and public employers to replicate the payment model, to further accelerate market transformation.

Through Healthier Washington, HCA is testing four new payment models that move toward a reimbursement system based on health outcomes. We call this the “Paying for Value” strategy within Healthier Washington.

The four test payment models focus on accountability—we will pay providers based on improved health outcomes. This helps to move away from the traditional fee-for-service approach to health care, in which providers are paid based on number of services provided rather than on quality.

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